1	2	3
Tomato . . ■	2	Pusa Gaurav, Pant T-3
Ladies finger .	1	Punjab-7 ■
Chillies	1	Bhaskar
Onion .	1	Agri-Found Dark Red
Pumpkin	1	Ambili
G. TUBER CROPS		
White Yam	1	Sree Priya
H. SPICES		
Cumin	1	RZ-19
Fennel ■	1	Gujarat Fennel-1
Ginger	1	Supra bha
Turmeric	1	Roma

Increase in prices of DDA Flats

621. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether DDA had increased the prices of the flats allotted to several persons in the Rohini in North-West Delhi, and Sarita Vihar in South Delhi and directed the allottees to pay huge amount exceeding the normal rates;

(b) whether any representations have been received from the allottees to reduce the cost of the flats; and

(c) if so, what decision the DDA has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRl DALBIR SINGH): (a) The final cost of flats of Rohini and Sarita Vihar is being worked out and will be intimated to the allottees shortly.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(c) Their views will be duly considered in arriving at a decision regarding the final price.

HUDCO Loan fo$_r$ Low Income Groups and Weaker Sections

622. SHRI v. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that HUDCO had planned to finance housing for low I income groups and economically weaker sections to the tune of Rs. 640 crores during 1988-89;

(b) what are the guidelines for sanctioning of the loan to the people belonging to low income groups and economically weaker sections;

(c) whether any State-wise allocation had been made for giving house building loans to those categories of people; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) During the year 88-89, HUDCO had earmarked an amount of Rs. 214.50 crores for financing housing schemes for low income groups and economically weaker sections. As against this, HUDCO sanctioned housing scheme, to the tune of Rs. 285.12 crores for these categories during 1988-89.

(b) Copy of the guidelines indicating different lending terms for EWS & LIG categories is at Annexure (See Appendix CL, Annexure No. 28]

(cj) and W) Yes Sir. A statement showing State-wise allocations for the year 1988-89 is at Annexure [See Appendix CL, Annexure No. 29]

Import of Rice

623. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether United Nations Food & Agricultural Organisation has stated that despite increase in production, India needs significant rice import this year to re-build its depleted stocks;

(b) whether any decision has been taken by Government for import of rice; and

(c) if so, the total quantity of rice likely to be imported and from which coxmtrks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Burnpur Steel plant

624. SHRl CHITTA BASU; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided to modernise the Burnpur Plant of the Indian Iron and Steel Company with Japanese collaboration at an estimated cost of Rs. 3000 crores; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRj VASANT SATHE) • (a) and (b) Government have approved 'in principle the modernisation of Burnpur Works of IISCO considering the suggestions made in the Feasibility Report prepared by Japan International Cooperation Agency. The preliminary and preparatory works have been taken up. Engineering Services study of modernisation of IISCO has been commissioned on a consortium of Japanese Consulting Companies and is being funded by a loan from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan. The investment decision will be taken once estimates become available.

Purchase of **onion through NAFED in Maharashtra**

625. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra had sent request to the Central Government to purchase onion through NAFED direct from farmers for giving better prices to them, following a strike in Onion markets in Maharashtra last week;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what action is being taken to give better prices of onion to farmers' in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Maharashtra have sent a proposal to the Central Government to purchase onion under the Market Intervention Scheme through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and the State Cooperative Market Federation, Maharashtra. Central Government have fixed Market Intervention Price of onion at Rs. 60l- per Quintal FAQ in Maharashtra for the current marketing season of onion. The State Government, however, have requested for a higher **Market** Intervention Price for onion which is un